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Priority Requirements
Basic Requirements - Hungary
Water Transportation

Data on total facilities are desired wherever possible, but where overall information is unavailable specific details of those facilities known to source will suffice.

I. Ocean

Information on merchant marine activities

A. Fleet statistics

- (1) number
- (2) type
- (3) areas of operation
- (4) general characteristics

B. Reporting on individual ships

- (1) itinerary
- (2) characteristics

- (a) type
- (b) size
- (c) age
- (d) engines
- (e) equipment
- (f) condition

C. Additions to fleet

- (1) new construction (domestic)
- (2) new construction (foreign)
- (3) through purchase

D. Chartering or employment of Western flag vessels

- (1) flag
- (2) ownership: actual and beneficial
- (3) terms of charter
- (4) charter parties
- (5) area of operation
- (6) cargo carried

E. Cargo traffic

- (1) Ton-mile kilometer performance of fleet, as a whole, for specific periods
- (2) Note cargo carrying performance of Soviet-Satellite fleets (including Chinese)
 - (a) type and volume of cargo carried
 - (b) origin/destination
 - (c) number of passengers carried - seasonal aspects
- (3) Schedules and routes of fleets
 - (a) domestic
 - (b) international
 - (c) seasonal aspects of traffic and routes

F. Ship traffic

- (1) Total volume of traffic, in terms of gross tonnage, entering and leaving Bloc ports, including China
 - (a) Bloc-flag vessels
 - (b) Non-Bloc vessels

G. Ports

- (1) Facilities
 - (a) cranes; number, location, condition, type, capacity
 - (b) storage; warehouses, number, capacity, condition, transport connections
 - (c) fueling; coal and oil, stocks, source of supply, efficiency of bunkering operations, price
 - (d) drydocks; size, location
- (2) new construction of port facilities; type, capacity
- (3) obstructions to traffic
- (4) limitations imposed by ice
- (5) methods used to reduce such limitations
- (6) depth of water in port, maximum tonnage vessel that could berth
- (7) ships in port at any given time
 - (a) number by flag
 - (b) number by type
 - (c) cargo loaded or unloaded; volume, type, origin/destination

II. Inland Waterways

A. Network

- (1) Physical characteristics of existing waterways, including:
 - (a) length
 - (b) controlling depth (give seasonal variations)

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- (c) width
- (d) current
- (e) extent of silting
- (f) regulation necessary
- (g) number of locks (give dimensions)
- (2) Condition of waterways (list chief deficiencies of waterways)
- (3) Current improvements of existing waterways
- (4) Current construction of new canals, locks or dams

B. Inland Ports

- (1) List of ports and their cargo-handling capacities: How is capacity computed
- (2) Volume and nature of traffic at each port by origin and destination
- (3) Evidence of adequacy of port facilities to handle traffic offered (congestion; obsolete equipment; wharves in dilapidated condition)
- (4) Evidence of new construction: new ports, cranes, wharves, warehouses; rail and road clearance facilities
- (5) Note facilities for storing special commodities such as petroleum and dangerous cargoes
- (6) Condition and efficiency of port labor supply; size of work gangs, productivity, use of women or children, morale

C. Traffic

- (1) Which rivers and canals are important for traffic; domestic and transit
- (2) Indicate most important stretches of these routes and reasons why they are important
- (3) Give present volume of traffic handled on each route in each direction, including breakdown by type of cargo
- (4) Indicate ports between which principal movements of cargo occur
- (5) Give seasons of greatest volume traffic; starting date, date of highest point, date of decline
- (6) Note seasonality in the nature of traffic (give cargoes)
- (7) Give ton-mile or ton-kilometer performance for the country's waterway fleet, as a whole and by individual waterways or waterway districts

D. Fleet

- (1) Number of vessels in fleet, by
 - (a) type (self-propelled or dumb barges, cargo ships, tank barges, tugs)
 - (b) tonnage (cargo capacity or deadweight) by type
 - (c) ownership
 - (d) age of fleet; general data by type, area, tonnage group etc.

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- (2) Average number of days vessels are undergoing repairs
- (3) Efficiency of operations of vessels (note practices which impair efficiency)
- (4) Total fuel consumption of fleet, by type of fuel; give B1U data

E. Organisation and Administration

- (1) Describe government administrative organization of waterway system, over all and by districts, including:
 - (a) title of major positions
 - (b) duties of such positions
 - (c) relationship of waterway organization with industrial and military organizations
 - (d) qualifications of persons holding these positions
 - (e) changes in administration
- (2) Personnel
 - (a) total number of people employed by waterway organization (in general categories such as administrative, dock workers, crew members, etc)
 - (b) general level of efficiency or inefficiency of the various types of workers, particularly administrative personnel, crewmen and shipyard workers
 - (c) to what extent are the workers trained?
 - (d) is there much absenteeism?
 - (e) how is morale of these personnel?
 - (f) what is annual rate of personnel turnover?
 - (g) give basic wages paid various levels and types of employees
 - (h) give same information for any private shipping companies in operation
 - (i) indicate any changes in administration

F. Financial operations

- (1) What is total investment in inland waterway transport by government and individual shipping organizations?
- (2) What is annual revenue of inland water transport: ton-mile or ton revenue, by company, area, etc.
- (3) Give total yearly operating expenses for inland water transport (breakdown of expenses for each shipping organization by such categories as fleet personnel, repairs, fuel, etc.)
- (4) What are basic freight rates at present, by type of cargo
- (5) Comment on profitableness of financial operations, or any losses that occur. Give reasons for profit or loss

G. Shipyards

- (1) Give number and location of shipyards engaged in building or repairing inland waterway vessels, including:

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- (a) owner
- (b) capacity
- (c) types of vessels built
- (d) number of employees (by various categories)
- (2) How efficiently operated is each yard? Describe quality of workmanship.
- (3) Is supply of material adequate? Describe any shortages that have occurred, especially strategic items.

H. Plans

- (1) Describe plans to increase traffic in the coming years, including:
 - (a) tonnage details
 - (b) commodities breakdown
 - (c) percent of previous years
- (2) Describe plans to increase fleet in future, including:
 - (a) number of vessels
 - (b) type
 - (c) tonnage
 - (d) ownership
- (3) Describe plans to improve or add to waterway network, including details of proposals to construct canals and locks.
- (4) Describe plans to expand existing inland port facilities, or construct new ports, giving details on:
 - (a) wharves
 - (b) cranes
 - (c) warehouses
 - (d) rail and road clearance facilities
 - (e) POL storage depots

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